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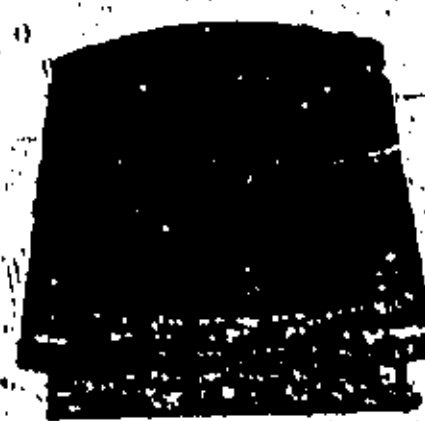
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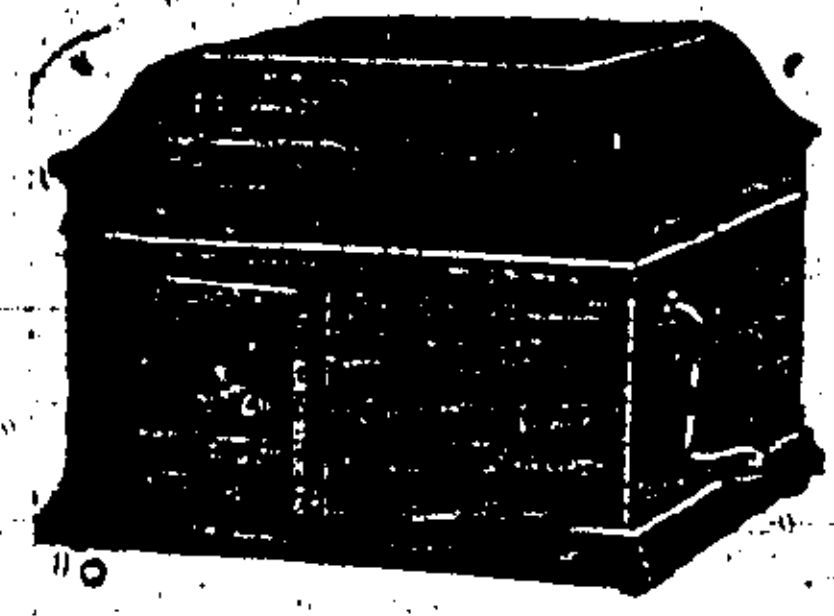


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be the most modern form of Republicanism and also be very much up-to-date in many other respects. We believe that they fully hope to be so, and as

we have frequently stated of late in these columns, we have no pessimistic ideas regarding China, the Chinese themselves, their future and the guidance that may reasonably be expected from the present leaders. We look forward with confidence to that future in which China will show herself to the Occident in quite another light. It is, however, it must be admitted, depressing to read of that august body known as the Consultative Chamber seriously censuring the Premier because his policy does not exactly suit them. This form of censure is precisely that of the Manchus; and the sooner China gets rid of it and other similar anachronisms the better will it be for China's future. And as for the President "personally" negotiating with the Foreign representatives regarding "financial" or any other matters, we sincerely hope that he will do nothing of the kind. Such paternal Government must be rigorously eschewed by China; be looked upon as a relic of the gloomy past; and Chinese leaders must abandon in toto all such absurd ideas of conducting the business of the country. China is a great country with a great future if she is guided on modern lines—and the example of the West is there for her to see.

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A correspondent writing to the *Shengchi Mercury*, from Kuling says as follows:—Everything is going on well here and things are quiet. People are coming to Kuling, since they cannot return to their places in the West. Summer weather is already here and applications for accommodation are beginning to come in. The rooms at the Fairy Glen Hotel are being applied for.

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### NEWS OF THE DAY.

The damage done by the recent conflagration at Midway, Shikao province, Japan, is estimated to exceed ¥1,000,000.

Thirteen Chinese were charged to-day with gambling at 75, High Street. One, said to be the proprietor, was fined \$100, and the others \$2 each.

The alteration to the tram-line near King Edward Hotel caused a car to become derailed this morning. It hindered the progress of other cars for some time.

The rickshaw coolie who was knocked down by a motor car belonging to the Exile garage on the 6th instant died on the evening following his admission to hospital.

Several bodies were found in the streets yesterday. A child found on the polo ground in the Katsang district is supposed to have died from smallpox, and cases of plague were reported in three houses at Yunnan.

In consequence of the casualties to the "Delhi" and "Oceana," underwriters at Lloyd's and other companies have found it necessary to increase the rate on specie to India and China to 2s. and 3s. 6d. per cent.

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### SOCIETY AND PERSONAL.

Sir Frederick Lugard was the principal guest of the African Society at its annual dinner this month.

Major J. A. Thickness, Somerset Light Infantry, has been appointed a Brigadier Major in the Territorial Force, with effect from 1st April, 1912.

Captain R. M. Weatherall, The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, has been appointed a Staff Captain, vice Captain C. A. Lafone, Devonshire Regiment, whose tenure of the appointment has expired.

General Booth, who attained his 83rd birthday on 10th ult., in the course of a letter to the Press says:—"In the East China calls to me, and before I pass away I must find men and money that the Salvation Army may play well her part for the vast population of the Celestial Empire."

Captain W. Thompson, formerly of the N.Y.K. European line *Amato Maru*, who was recently placed on the reserve list, has now retired, and has left for home, by the *Amato Maru*. He has been in the company with a sum of 20,000 yen, in recognition of his services to the company during the past thirty-six years. He served on transport duty during the war with China and Russia.

### THE HANDCUFF INCIDENT.

In the Supreme Court this morning the case was mentioned in which Henry A. Law claimed from Raymond the sum of \$1,000.

The action arises out of an incident which has already been reported in the China Mail, which occurred at the Theatre Royal last Saturday when trouble arose over a question as to whether Mr. Law, a local gentleman, did actually succeed in freeing one hand from a pair of handcuffs which Raymond placed on his wrists.

Mr. P. W. Goldring said he was appearing for Raymond who he understood, would be leaving the Colony next Monday week. In those circumstances, therefore, he asked that the action might be fixed upon an early date. It would probably occupy some time as there would be a great many witnesses on both sides.

Next Wednesday was fixed as the day of hearing.

### AN ABSENT PLAINTIFF.

Upon the list of cases for hearing at the Supreme Court this morning was one in which Ada Moore claimed from Mrs. Silver \$21. Complainant failed to put in an appearance. The defending solicitor said that under those conditions he thought he was entitled to have the case struck out. His request was acceded to.

### AT THE MAGISTRACY.

John Allen, and J. Sequeira, a Portuguese, have been committed to the house of detention as vagrants.

Charged with being in possession of a number of tickets for the Po Pui lottery a Chinese was ordered to pay a fine of \$250.

Chinese Constable 333 was brought up at the Magistrate's court this morning charged with attempting to obtain a bribe of 10 cents. Mr. F. X. d'Almeida defended and the man was remanded.

A Chinese was sentenced to six weeks imprisonment for stealing a bundle of clothing, valued at \$12, from the S. A. Heitung. While on a voyage from Canton to Hongkong a passenger missed the clothes, and a Chinese watchman, to whom a complaint was made, found them in the man's possession.

Police Constable Patterson attempted to arrest Cheung Shing, a hawker who was selling bamboo shoots outside the new Chinese Theatre at Kowloon at 2 a.m., but the hawker resisted, and the constable's right thumb was injured. For the assault Shing was sentenced to one month's hard labour and four hours' detention in the stocks, for "omitting to take out a license he was cautioned."

### MR. R. G. KNOWLES' VISIT.

The audience which attended the second entertainment given by Mr. R. G. Knowles and his company at the Theatre last evening was much smaller than the excellence of the musical fare provided merited, but it could not possibly have been more enthusiastic. In his travels in the East Mr. Knowles has gone about with an observant eye, and his typical patter, sparkling with wit, was enjoyed as much as anything in his repertoire. The popular humorist is accompanied by his right-hand man, a comedian, a comedian of stars. They are Mr. Lita Lewis, A.B.C.M., a talented Welsh pianist; Miss Winifred, a singer, whose large playing was a popular feature of the programme; Miss Macta, a singer, whose songs were charmingly sung; Mr. J. R. Bentley, a comic, who sang, and Kelly and Ashby, the "Booming Billingsgate" duo. Mr. Knowles' repertoire was well varied, and his company was well equipped for the occasion. Mr. Knowles' visit to Hongkong was a success, and his company was well equipped for the occasion.

### AN INTRICATE JUDGMENT.

In the Shanghai Supreme Court, on May 3, Sir Haviland de Saumarez, Chief Judge, gave judgment in the claim by Messrs. Shaw, Watson, and Co. against G. B. Thompson, an Englishman, who was the Whampoa Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., in which plaintiffs claimed £2,500 by way of an agreement, under which they acted as managers. Defendant counter-claimed for the same amount, and the case was referred to the Arbitration Tribunal. The Arbitration Tribunal, after a long and intricate hearing, gave judgment in favor of the plaintiffs, and awarded them the sum of £2,500, with costs.

### NAVAL MATTER SUMMONED.

#### Removal to Court.

The senior native writer of the Naval Yard, S. Akber, appeared as both complainant and defendant in cases which were heard at the Magistrate's court this morning. Akber was summoned by E. N. Mohamed for using insulting language by provoking a breach of the peace on May 6, and a labor cross-summons three women alleging similar behaviour on their part and threats to do him bodily harm.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton prosecuted on the original summons, and Mr. Akber defended. Mr. Shenton stated that one man summoned did not exist, and added that he was prepared to have all the parties bound over to keep the peace. Mr. Akber's client, however, would not agree to this.

There being a man in court with the defendants on the cross-summons, the Magistrate asked who he was.

Mr. Shenton: He is a married woman (laughter). The summons is made out against three married women, but as his name appeared on it he was brought up.

Mr. Akber: The man ought obviously not to have been brought here because he was not a married woman. Another thing, he is not a woman at all (laughter).

The man was discharged. Mr. Akber said there had been proceedings between his client and the other parties, to whom he was related, and apparently there had been a good deal of bad blood between them. The woman went to Mr. Akber's house about some payments he had to make, and Mr. Akber became annoyed at the way one of them interfered in his business. This started the trouble, and later in the day the people returned to his house in rickshaws with two Chinese men they had hired, used bad language, and threatened that if Mr. Akber came out they would beat him. Afterwards other hired coolies came up and used similar threats. His client was in danger, as if he went out he might be set upon by these hired people.

Mr. Shenton stated that the trouble appeared to have arisen about money matters and Mr. Akber described one of his clients as a 35-year-old unmarried daughter, which he understood, according to Muhammadan ideas, was a great insult. She returned to the house to ask in a more forcible way for an explanation of, and apology for his conduct.

The Magistrate ordered a remand to Thursday next.

### NOTES FROM NANNING.

#### (From Our Own Correspondent.)

#### CONDITION OF RIVER.

The river has risen considerably but not enough to make H.M.S. Mowbray to breast the great rapid, though she made the attempt, but had to return to Wuchow.

#### MOON LOOTING.

About 200 soldiers, who were causing trouble in Wuchow, were dispatched to Nanning to the care of Military Governor Luk; half way, however, at Kwei Yuen, they landed and looted that wealthy city, killing over a hundred of the inhabitants. Troops were sent from Nanning and peace has been restored.

#### H.E. LUK.

Military Governor Luk is now residing in Nanning.

#### THE QUESTION OF THE CAPITAL.

The Provincial Assembly, which has met here, comprises representatives from all the Prefectures except Kweliu, where the feeling is sore regarding the removal of the capital. Reports so far, differ as to whether the transfer to Nanning is an accomplished fact or not. This is a very old question which has periodically been revived and then dropped many times, but apparently it has come at last to stay.

#### A PLEASANT PROSPECT.

Trade is fairly brisk. Chinese say that the total motor boat fleet will before long comprise six hundred vessels. This, of course, will be very pleasant for us residents, and we look forward to the happy time when we can have our letters every day.

#### COUNTRYMEN AND THE QUEEN.

It is curious with what tenacity the country folk cling to the queue. Those who have discarded theirs have done so out of fear of ridicule or violence, because circumstances compelled them to come to the city from time to time. A friend of mine, who was expecting a visit from a countryman, sent a messenger to his village, seven miles distant, to enquire as to why he had not turned up—he found that the man, and others with him, were afraid to be seen in Nanning with their appendages. Truly "Custom" counts for much!

#### AN INTRICATE JUDGMENT.

In the Shanghai Supreme Court, on May 3, Sir Haviland de Saumarez, Chief Judge, gave judgment in the claim by Messrs. Shaw, Watson, and Co. against G. B. Thompson, an Englishman, who was the Whampoa Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., in which plaintiffs claimed £2,500 by way of an agreement, under which they acted as managers. Defendant counter-claimed for the same amount, and the case was referred to the Arbitration Tribunal. The Arbitration Tribunal, after a long and intricate hearing, gave judgment in favor of the plaintiffs, and awarded them the sum of £2,500, with costs.

### REPORTING.

#### Lana-South Championship.

A committee meeting was held last night for the purpose of submitting the entries for the open lawn bowls championship of Hongkong. They amounted to 15—two more than last year. They were: Police, 12; Talbot, 12; Civil Service, 12; Kowloon, 9. The draw resulted as follows:

C. Bond, C.S. v. R. MacDonald, P. W. Russell, K. v. A. Blowsy, C.S. W. Gerrard, P. v. K. MacLennan, P. A. Ramsay, K. v. G. Anderson, T. T. Peirce, K. v. G. K. Stanton, K. A. Currie, T. v. M. Irving, C.S. H. Dinnen, T. v. J. Farrell, T. John Grant, P. v. E. Farrell, T. James Grant, P. v. T. Bateman, T. E. Dawson, C.S. v. D. McHardy, P. C. Murphy, T. v. G. Watt, P. I. Wical, C.S. v. D. Cooper, K. A. Miller, K. v. R. Hall, K. W. Stuart, P. v. A. P. Steele, C.S. F. Howell, C.S. v. B. Pickett, P. W. Fitcher, C.S. v. R. Dimeson, C.S. J. Mackay, C.S. v. D. Goudry, P. A. G. Pils, C.S. v. G. R. Edwards, K. W. Wetherpoon, T. v. J. Baker, P. A. Clark, P. v. D. Gow, K. J. Weir, T. v. T. Scott, T. J. Ferguson, T. v. W. Cameron, P. T. Glendinning, P. v. W. Spillat, P. The following received: Syme—W. Williams, P. W. Cooper, E. W. Pitt, P. R. Parrie, T. B. W. Bishaw, T. A. Hamilton, T. W. Diggins, C.S. H. Harron, T. T. and N. Drummond, T. The first round must be completed before June 8th.

#### Tennis.

CRAMER-GROWER C. C. & CHINESE Y.M.C.A. This tennis league fixture will be played to-morrow at 5 p.m. on the C.C.C. ground. The following will represent the C.C.C. H. H. Taylor, G. A. Hancock, L. A. Ross, R. Phillips, J. V. Briggs, R. A. Carvalho.

#### THE WATER SUPPLY.

##### Level and Storage of Water in Reservoir on the 1st May, 1912.

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## THE STRIKE PROBLEM.

## DEBATE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

The House of Commons yesterday debated the industrial unrest.

Mr Lloyd George said that a searching inquiry by the Government might be necessary.

Mr Asquith, speaking at the Binkers' Dinner, said that the recurrence of great strikes made it incumbent upon the Government and the business community to solve the problem.

## PRIME MINISTER'S IMPORTANT SPEECH.

## BRITAIN AND THE SUPREMACY OF THE SEA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

Mr. Asquith, in the course of a speech last night at the dinner of the Central Association of Bankers, said:—"I have just come from witnessing a spectacle to which I suppose there never has been a parallel in the history of the world—the Great British Fleet which is now assembled under the eyes and in the presence of the King at Weymouth. There has never been, I believe, in the same space of water, such an aggregation of the implements of destruction; and as I went round the fleet and inspected at close quarters some of these magnificent, if monstrous, achievements of modern science—the thought could not but occur to me whether the time might not some day arrive—perhaps within the life-time of some of the younger of those who are sitting at these tables—when this gigantic expenditure would be diverted into more fruitful and fertilizing channels, and would be saved from the incubus which rests upon its best aspirations. So far as we are concerned, and so far as the fleet of Great Britain is concerned, we know it to be—and the world knows it to be—an instrument not of aggression but of defence; and with the countless and ever-multiplying interests of which we are the trustees and guardians, we cannot afford so long as the world remains in its present state of temper, to neglect any means for making these interests secure against every danger and maintenance of our supremacy—of our indisputable and invincible supremacy—at sea which is the first and fundamental condition not only of the integrity of the British Empire but of the life of the British people."

## THE FALL IN CONSOLS.

Mr. Asquith, proceeding to discuss banking affairs, expressed satisfaction regarding the prosperity and stability of the British banking institutions, which had remained unaltered. The deposits at the banks within the past forty years or less had risen by between four hundred to five hundred million, and, moreover, the banking facilities had enormously increased. Referring to the fall in Consols, Mr. Asquith mentioned three causes of the enlargement in Trustee Securities and the general demand of higher interest during trade activity. "The fall in Consols had taken place markedly during a series of years when Parliament had made provision at far greater rate than ever before for the reduction of debt; and we may say, without undue arrogance or self-complacency that our position and action will compare very favourably with those of any European state."

## THE INDUSTRIAL UNREST.

Mr. Asquith then proceeded to discuss the relations of capital and labour. There were signs, he said, in the industrial sky which ought to warn complacent optimism, despite the unexampled prosperity of trade, as last year the relations between capital and labour had rarely been more severely strained. The recurrence of incidents like the Railway and the Coal Strikes made it the duty not only of the Government but the business of Banking Committees to look beneath the surface to distinguish between money and real value of the increases whether in wages or profits; and, above all, to study the economic fabric not piece-meal but as a whole. Many of the antitheses which the people were accustomed to take for granted as describing irreconcilable interests such as producer and consumer, employer and employed, would turn out upon careful examination to represent growing inter-dependence of all our own economic interests and increasing inter-relation of production and exchange all over the world, these being the governing factors of modern trade.

The Prime Minister concluded by inviting the British banker to contribute to the solution of the problem of industrial unrest by suggestion and advice and mutual co-operation.

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## THE HOME RULE BILL.

## SECOND READING PASSED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

The Second Reading of the Home Rule Bill for Ireland has passed by 372 votes to 271.

## ANOTHER PARLIAMENT FOR IRELAND WANTED?

Mr Kemp, a Liberal member, opposed the Bill, and said that he would have supported the Party if Ulster had been allowed a separate Parliament.

Sir Gilbert Parker, referring to pro Home Rule resolutions from overseas Legislatures said he thought they misunderstood Ireland's position, and moreover they had an eye to the value of the Irish vote in their own domains. Mr Churchill and Mr Samuel had misled the house when they said that Ireland's position was analogous to that of South Africa. He (Sir Gilbert) would be astonished if the nationalists were willing to accept the subordinate position of a Province. If Natal attempted to stand out of the Union, the reply to the latter would be "You shall not go."

Mr Robert Harcourt advised Ulster to profit by the example of Natal and negotiate, which would be more effectual than revolts.

Mr Redmond said that underlying all the arguments against the Bill was the assumption that all parties to the new treaty would be animated with bad feeling instead of having the desire to make the best of things. Why should this malicious folly be attributed to Irishmen, when it had never been committed by any other section of the Empire to which Home Rule had been granted? It would be to Ireland's highest interests to safeguard her Constitution and work it in moderation towards success, and for the first time in her history to do the utmost to promote the unity and the prosperity of the Empire. He believed that all the old Party divisions would quickly disappear and responsibility would have a steady and moderating effect upon men of all political views. Nationalists, both in Ireland and America and the Dominions, accepted the Bill as a final settlement. From the point of view of Foreign Policy and Military strength, the Bill was the most urgent step that could be taken to safeguard Britain's future and ensure the solidarity of the Empire and would remove an obstacle away to natural understanding between the great English speaking republic.

## IRISH PROTESTANT MINORITY GROWING.

Mr W. E. Russell said that the Protestants in Southern Ireland would be prepared to acquiesce in Home Rule, and there was a growing minority of Protestants in Ulster who were not opposed to the measure. He ridiculed the notion that Ulster would fight.

## LABOUR LEADER'S VIEWS.

Mr Ramsay MacDonald sympathized with the religious prejudices of the Protestants of Ulster, but the Protestant workers there were beginning to discover that the present agitation was more economic than religious. In Belfast the ascendancy nowadays was over labour and not over the Catholics. The Bill would strip the veil from the enemies of labour who were responsible for the Orange agitation, and would prove an enormous gain to Trade Unionists.

Mr Bonar Law said it was impossible to maintain this part of the Federal System, when the Government were destroying unity by establishing a separate Custom House within the United Kingdom and disregarding Colonial practice. When Australia federated, New South Wales recognized the necessity of abandoning free trade principles. It was nonsense to talk of legal safeguards. Such safeguards existed in the case of the Dominions, but no Government would dream of exercising them and no Dominion would allow us to exercise them.

Mr Asquith, in winding up the debate, said that no serious attempt had been made to meet his argument, which was based upon the character and the persistence of the Irish demands—such a demand that any Parliament would be bound to accept subject to the safeguards of minorities to the Imperial supremacy. The British people refused to be tempted into giving the Irish the right to demand the same advantages of independence as the Dominion of Wales.

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## THE P. &amp; O. STRIKE.

## THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

The London Committee of the National Transport Workers have referred the threatened strike of the P. and O. seamen to the National Executive. This amounts to a termination of the dispute with the P. and O. Company. It was resolved that this question of the manning of the boats is more important than can be decided by a strike against the P. and O.

## KAISER TAKES TO FOX HUNTING.

## ENGLISH HUNSMAN TO FORM A PACK.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

The Kaiser has decided to introduce foxhunting into Germany and has commissioned Bartlett, the huntsman to Earl Fitzwilliam, to form a pack of foxhounds which leave for Potsdam to-morrow. Prince Eitel Frederick will be Master.

## LONDON TAILORS' STRIKE.

## UNREST STILL SPREADING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

Though the strike of West-End tailors is weakening through lack of funds, 6,000 tailors in the East-End decided last night to strike immediately.

## BANKERS AND CONSOLS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

Mr Asquith was the principal guest last night at the dinner of the Central Association of Bankers. Sir Felix Schuster, who presided, referred to the depreciation of consols and deprecated any artificial measure. It was purely due to natural causes which must be left to work out themselves and they would work. All the bankers were unanimous in impressing upon the Premier the importance which they all attached to sinking funds, both old and new. Every possible means should be taken to restore a ready market for consols.

## THE BIG CHINESE LOAN.

## INTERNATIONAL BANKERS MEETING IN LONDON.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

M. Virstraed, a director of the Rasse-Asiatic Bank, is coming to London to participate in the meetings of the International Bankers concerned with the Chinese loan.

## THE MINIMUM WAGE ACT.

## SERIOUS TROUBLE ANTICIPATED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

Mr Hartshorn, the Welsh miners' agent, predicts serious trouble as the result of Lord St. Aldwyn's decision with regard to the minimum wage for South Wales. The newspapers declare that the result, together with the delay of the other boards in reaching a decision, testify to the failure of the Act.

## REICHSSTAG AND MIXED MARRIAGES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

A combination of Clericals and Socialists have passed a Resolution through the Reichstag validating mixed marriages in all German protectorates.

## TRANS-PERSIAN RAILWAY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

M. Baudes, formerly French Ambassador in Japan, has been selected as President of the Franco-Japanese Commission with the Trans-Persian Railway.

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## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

## WESTERN DRESS FOR OFFICERS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)  
Peking, May 9.

The Chinese National Assembly has decided that all the officers of high grades shall in future dress in European style, and that the officers of the lower grades shall have the privilege of dressing in the style they prefer.

## CHINESE SOLDIERS' PAY.

The representatives of the various provinces of China, now at Peking, have requested Yuan Shih Kai to immediately give them funds with which to pay the wages of the soldiers. It is feared that if the money is not speedily forthcoming there may be a mutiny.

## OBJECTION TO QUEUE CUTTING.

The President of the Chinese Board of the Interior has objected to the proposal to compel the Chinese to cut off their queues.

## TOM MANN SENTENCED.

## GETS SIX MONTHS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

Tom Mann, the well-known labour agitator, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the Second Division for inciting the soldiers to mutiny.

## COUNT METTERNICH RESIGNS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent telegraphs that Count Metternich has resigned and that the resignation has been accepted. It appears that it was tendered a year ago, but postponed for various reasons, including the Coronation.

## THE KING IN A SUB-MARINE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

A telegram from Portland states that the King voyaged in a sub-merged submarine for two miles.

## FOG SPOILS MANOEUVRES.

## LATER.

The fog continues to prevail, and, in consequence, the principal manoeuvres have been rendered impossible.

## IMPORTANT POLITICAL COALITION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

At a representative Conference of Conservatives and Liberal Unionists, it was decided to amalgamate.

The Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Berensford, Earl Halsbury, Lord Londonderry, Mr Bonar Law, Earl Lansdowne, Duke of Devonshire, Mr Austen Chamberlain and other prominent members of the Party have been attending conference. Mr Balfour and Mr Joseph Chamberlain wrote approving of the objects in view.

## NEW BRITISH NAVAL RESERVE.

## AN IMPORTANT STEP.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
London, May 9.

The Admiralty is forming a new Reserve of men under 20 years old, which will immediately be available for emergency.

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